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The Honorable Arthur S. Flemming *encl*
Director
Office of Defense Mobilization
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Dr. Flemming:

Mr. Dulles has turned over to me as Chairman of the Watch Committee your letter of 3 January requesting general guidance on the type of material your organization might furnish the IAC Watch Committee under the provisions of NSC 5438 (NSC Action 1195-b).

The National Indications Center (NIC), the inter-agency staff established to support the IAC Watch Committee, is now located in its new quarters at BC-756 in the Pentagon. Information produced by your Office would normally be made available to the Director of the NIC (Mr. J. J. Hitchcock, phone Code 131, Ext. 77498) for use by the Watch Committee.

The Watch Committee has been informed of your request for guidance and the Director of the NIC has already been in contact with Mr. Alexander of your organization. It appears to me that since the NIC is probably not as familiar as is desirable with your organization and what it could provide the Watch Committee, the most useful form of guidance in this connection would result from a series of such contacts between members of the Watch Committee and the NIC and various officials in your organization. I would suggest, therefore, that the Director of the NIC call you and arrange to brief you on its functions and needs and then, under your guidance, set up contacts with the appropriate offices.

There is no particular sensitivity about the existence of the Watch Committee or the National Indications Center nor about the general nature of their responsibilities. Hence instructions as to supporting this work within your organization can be given to all appropriately cleared personnel.

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I have passed along to the NIC your suggestion that, in matters of East-West trade, contact should be made with Assistant Secretary Samuel W. Anderson of the Department of Commerce.

Sincerely yours,

SIGNED
C. P. Cabell
Lieutenant General, USAF
Deputy Director
Chairman, Watch Committee

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